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25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

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REMARKS _____

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1. On 4 February, the north section of barracks installation in Meissen-Bonitsch (1602) was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia, while the south section of the installation was occupied by about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 23 January, 4 JS tanks, [REDACTED] were sheltered under a lean-to roof in the north section of the installation, while 35 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia were drilling in the south section of the installation. On 4 February, 1 SJSU-122 gun was seen in the north section; and about 12 troops received service of the piece drill on an AA gun and, in the afternoon, about 30 troops drilled, in the south section. 1

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2. On 4 February, the barracks installation in Zaschendorf (1601) was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and about 100 troops with signal insignia. [REDACTED] a small training area and a storage area with telegraph poles and coal as well as 4 to 5 trucks and some troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia, east of the north section of the installation. Between 27 January and 4 February, 40 x 132-mm rocket launchers were seen in the barracks area. On 27 January, troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia erected posts in the abovementioned training area and, on 4 February, 4 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets unloaded coal from truck [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not observe any training. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were seen en route to and from the installation. 2

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to this information, the barracks installation in Bohnitzsch can be carried occupied by only a tank regiment. [REDACTED] There are also vague indications for the presence there of the 216th (?) AAA Regt of the 9th Tank Div.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. In addition to the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army, a signal unit appears to be stationed in the barracks installation in Zaschendorf.

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